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In re Application of:

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For: **PIPERIDINE-PYRIDAZONES AND PHTHALAZONES AS PDE4 INHIBITORS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-15, 17 and 19-22, cancel claims 3, 9, 16 and 18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claims 23-35 as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.